

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently Amended) A multifunction apparatus having at least a scanning function and not having a facsimile transmission function, the multifunction apparatus connected with a server via a network, the server storing information regarding a menu, the menu being displayable on the multifunction apparatus, the multifunction apparatus comprising:

a scanner configured to scan a document;

a panel configured to display a menu representing functions of the multifunction apparatus; and

a controller configured to communicate with the server, to receive the information regarding the menu from the server, and to display a menu on the panel based on the information regarding the menu received from the server,

the controller being further configured to send, to the server, based on the information regarding the menu, scanned image data ~~together~~ with predetermined information indicating another multifunction apparatus having a facsimile transmission function and being capable of transmitting the image data to a ~~recipient~~ receiving apparatus by facsimile transmission, when a predetermined menu indicating a facsimile transmission function is displayed on the panel of the multifunction apparatus, the information regarding the menu including the predetermined menu indicating the facsimile transmission function, and when a facsimile transmission is selected on the predetermined menu,

whereby the server transmits, to the another multifunction apparatus, the image data scanned by the multifunction apparatus, based on the predetermined information, the server being distinct from the multifunction apparatus and from the another multifunction apparatus.

29. (Original) The multifunction apparatus according to claim 28, wherein the controller utilizes a scanning function to scan a document, when the facsimile transmission is selected on the menu.

30-35. (Canceled)

36. (Currently Amended) The multifunction apparatus according to claim [[14]] 28, wherein the information regarding the menu is utilized for the multifunction apparatus and also for another multifunction apparatus.

37. (Currently Amended) The multifunction apparatus according to claim [[14]] 28, wherein the information regarding the menu is utilized only for the multifunction apparatus.

38. (Currently Amended) The multifunction apparatus according to claim [[14]] 28, wherein the information regarding the menu is utilized for at least one of a plurality of functions of the multifunction apparatus.

39. (Previously Presented) The multifunction apparatus according to claim 38, wherein at least one of a plurality of functions of the multifunction apparatus is an operation customized for a particular user.

40. (Currently Amended) The multifunction apparatus according to claim [[14]] 28, wherein the information regarding the menu contains a menu item name, the menu item name indicating a job that the multifunction apparatus performs.

41. (Currently Amended) The multifunction apparatus according to claim [[14]] 28, wherein the information regarding the menu contains a menu item name, a job-ID and a job parameter.

42. (Currently Amended) The multifunction apparatus according to claim 41, wherein the multifunction apparatus additionally has at least one of a scanning, and a printing, ~~and a facsimile transmission function~~, and the job ID includes at least one of copying, printing, scanning and fax transmission.

43. (Previously Presented) The multifunction apparatus according to claim 41, wherein the job parameter includes at least one of an image type and paper size for copying.

44. (Previously Presented) The multifunction apparatus according to claim 41, wherein the job parameter includes at least one of an image type, paper size and resolution for printing.

45. (Previously Presented) The multifunction apparatus according to claim 41, wherein the job parameter includes at least one of an image type, paper size, resolution and file format for scanning.

46. (Previously Presented) The multifunction apparatus according to claim 41, wherein the job parameter includes at least one of an image type, paper size, resolution and file format for facsimile transmission.

47. (Currently Amended) The server according to claim [[24]] 28, wherein the information regarding the menu contains information regarding a maximum number of characters that can be displayed on the display of the multifunction apparatus.

48. (Currently Amended) The server according to claim [[24]] 28, wherein the information regarding the menu contains information regarding capabilities of the multifunction apparatus.

49-54. (Canceled).

55. (New) A method for controlling a multifunction apparatus, the multifunction apparatus having at least a scanning function and not having a facsimile transmission function, the multifunction apparatus being connected with a server via a network, the server storing information regarding a menu, the menu being displayable on the multifunction apparatus, the multifunction apparatus having a scanner that scans a document, and a panel that displays a menu representing functions of the multifunction apparatus, the method comprising:

communicating with the server, to receive the information regarding the menu from the server:

displaying a menu on the panel based on the information regarding the menu received from the server; and

sending, to the server, based on the information regarding the menu, scanned image data with predetermined information indicating another multifunction apparatus having a facsimile transmission function and being capable of transmitting the image data to a receiving apparatus by facsimile transmission, when a predetermined menu indicating a facsimile transmission function is displayed on the panel of the multifunction apparatus, the information regarding the menu including the predetermined menu indicating the facsimile transmission function, and when a facsimile transmission is selected on the predetermined menu, ~~whereby~~ the server transmits, to the another multifunction apparatus, the image data scanned by the multifunction apparatus, based on the predetermined information, the server being distinct from the multifunction apparatus and from the another multifunction apparatus.

56. (New) The method according to claim 55, wherein the information regarding the menu is utilized for the multifunction apparatus and also for another multifunction apparatus.

57. (New) The method according to claim 55, wherein the information regarding the menu is utilized only for the multifunction apparatus.

58. (New) The method according to claim 55, wherein the information regarding the menu is utilized for at least one of a plurality of functions of the multifunction apparatus.

59. (New) The method according to claim 58, wherein at least one of a plurality of functions of the multifunction apparatus is an operation customized for a particular user.

60. (New) The multifunction apparatus according to claim 28, wherein the another multifunction apparatus transmits, to the multifunction apparatus, a job execution result, when the another multifunction apparatus completes the facsimile transmission.

61. (New) The multifunction apparatus according to claim 28, wherein when the controller sends, to the server, the scanned image data, the controller sends to the server, a job parameter, and the server transmits to the another multifunction apparatus, the image data scanned by the multifunction apparatus with the job parameter.

62. (New) The multifunction apparatus according to claims 61, wherein the job parameter contains at least one of paper size, and resolution for facsimile transmission.

63. (New) The multifunction apparatus according to claim 61, wherein the another multifunction apparatus transmits, to the receiving apparatus, the image data scanned by the multifunction apparatus, based on the job parameter.